

Specialty Guideline Management

teriparatide-Forteo

Products Referenced by this Document

Drugs that are listed in the following table include both brand and generic and all dosage forms and strengths unless otherwise stated. Over-the-counter (OTC) products are not included unless otherwise stated.

Brand Name	Generic Name	Dosage Form
Forteo	teriparatide	600 mcg/2.4 ml prefilled pen 560 mcg/2.24 ml prefilled pen
Teriparatide (branded generic)	teriparatide	620 mcg/2.48 ml prefilled pen

Indications

The indications below including FDA-approved indications and compendial uses are considered a covered benefit provided that all the approval criteria are met and the member has no exclusions to the prescribed therapy.

FDA-Approved Indications¹⁻⁴

- Treatment of postmenopausal women with osteoporosis at high risk for fracture (defined herein as having a history of osteoporotic fracture or multiple risk factors for fracture) or who have failed or are intolerant to other available osteoporosis therapy.
- Increase of bone mass in men with primary or hypogonadal osteoporosis at high risk for fracture or who have failed or are intolerant to other available osteoporosis therapy.
- Treatment of men and women with osteoporosis associated with sustained glucocorticoid therapy (daily dosage equivalent to 5 mg or greater of prednisone) at high risk for fracture or who have failed or are intolerant to other available osteoporosis therapy.

All other indications are considered experimental/investigational and not medically necessary.

Documentation

Submission of the following information is necessary to initiate the prior authorization review: Chart notes or medical record documentation indicating a history of fractures, T-score, and Fracture Risk Assessment Tool (FRAX) fracture probability as applicable to the coverage criteria section.

Coverage Criteria

Postmenopausal Osteoporosis^{1-9,13}

Authorization of an initial total of 12 months may be granted to postmenopausal members with osteoporosis when EITHER of the following criteria is met:

- Member has a history of fragility fractures (e.g., low trauma fracture from force similar to a fall from standing position)
- Member has a pre-treatment T-score less than or equal to -2.5 OR member has osteopenia (i.e., pre-treatment T-score greater than -2.5 and less than -1) with a high pre-treatment FRAX fracture probability (see Appendix B) and meets ANY of the following criteria:
 - Member has indicators of very high fracture risk (e.g., advanced age, frailty, glucocorticoid use, very low T-scores [less than or equal to -3], or increased fall risk)
 - Member has failed prior treatment with or is intolerant to previous injectable osteoporosis therapy (e.g., zoledronic acid [Reclast], a denosumab product [Prolia, Jubbonti, Ospomyv, Stoboclo], denosumab-bbdz [Jubbonti], abaloparatide [Tymlos])
 - Member has had an oral bisphosphonate trial of at least 1-year duration or there is a clinical reason to avoid treatment with an oral bisphosphonate (see Appendix A)

Primary or Hypogonadal Osteoporosis in Men^{1-4,9,10}

Authorization of an initial total of 12 months may be granted to male members with primary or hypogonadal osteoporosis when EITHER of the following criteria is met:

- Member has a history of an osteoporotic vertebral or hip fracture
- Member meets BOTH of the following criteria:
 - Member has a pre-treatment T-score less than or equal to -2.5 OR member has osteopenia (i.e., pre-treatment T-score greater than -2.5 and less than -1) with a high pre-treatment FRAX fracture probability (see Appendix B)
 - Member has had an oral or injectable bisphosphonate trial of at least 1-year duration OR there is a clinical reason to avoid treatment with a bisphosphonate (see Appendix A)

Glucocorticoid-Induced Osteoporosis^{1-4,9,11}

Authorization of an initial total of 12 months may be granted to members with glucocorticoid-induced osteoporosis when ALL of the following criteria are met:

- Member has had an oral or injectable bisphosphonate trial of at least 1-year duration OR there is a clinical reason to avoid treatment with a bisphosphonate (See Appendix A)
- Member is currently receiving or will be initiating glucocorticoid therapy at an equivalent prednisone dose of ≥ 2.5 mg/day for ≥ 3 months
- Member meets ANY of the following criteria:
 - Member has a history of a fragility fracture (e.g., low trauma fracture from force similar to a fall from standing position).
 - Member has a pre-treatment T-score less than or equal to -2.5
 - Member has osteopenia (i.e., pre-treatment T-score greater than -2.5 and less than -1) with a high pre-treatment FRAX fracture probability (see Appendix B)

Continuation of Therapy¹⁻⁴

Authorization of 12 months may be granted for all members (including new members) who are currently receiving the requested medication through a previously authorized pharmacy or medical benefit, who meet one of the following:

- Member has received less than 24 months of therapy and has not experienced clinically significant adverse events during therapy
- Member has received 24 months of therapy or more and meets both of the following:
 - Member has experienced clinical benefit (i.e., improvement or stabilization in T-score since the previous bone mass measurement)
 - Member has not experienced any adverse effects

Other

The cumulative duration of parathyroid hormone analogs (e.g., teriparatide and abaloparatide) will not exceed a total of 24 months in the member's lifetime unless the member remains at or has returned to having a high risk for fracture.

Appendix

Appendix A. Clinical Reasons to Avoid Oral Bisphosphonate Therapy⁷

- Presence of anatomic or functional esophageal abnormalities that might delay transit of the tablet (e.g., achalasia, stricture, or dysmotility)
- Active upper gastrointestinal problem (e.g., dysphagia, gastritis, duodenitis, erosive esophagitis, ulcers)

- Presence of documented or potential gastrointestinal malabsorption (e.g., gastric bypass procedures, celiac disease, Crohn's disease, infiltrative disorders)
- Inability to stand or sit upright for at least 30 to 60 minutes
- Inability to take oral bisphosphonate at least 30 to 60 minutes before first food, drink, or medication of the day
- Renal insufficiency (creatinine clearance < 35 mL/min)
- History of intolerance to an oral bisphosphonate

Appendix B: FRAX Fracture Risk Assessment Tool^{11,12}

- High FRAX fracture probability: 10-year major osteoporosis-related fracture risk \geq 20% or hip fracture risk \geq 3%
- 10-year probability; calculation tool available at: <https://frax.shef.ac.uk/FRAX/>
- The estimated risk score generated with FRAX should be multiplied by 1.15 for major osteoporotic fracture (including fractures of the spine [clinical], hip, wrist, or humerus) and 1.2 for hip fracture if glucocorticoid treatment is greater than 7.5 mg (prednisone equivalent) per day

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